Expansion of Crop Insurance Policy

*263. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any proposal to expand the Crop Insurance Policy as per the recommendation of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Committee; and

(b) whether women are being included in the farm insurance scheme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. The recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan are being examined by the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir. Under the existing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), women farmers are also eligible for availing the benefit.

Upgradation of Medical Institutions under PMSSY

*264. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken for the upgradation of 13 medical institutions under the PMSSY and the details regarding individual institutions;

(b) by when such upgradation is likely to be completed; and

(c) by when the new medical institution being created under this scheme at Jodhpur would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), 13 Government medical college institutions have been selected for upgradation. The work relating to Project Consultancy and execution of upgradation of the medical college institutions has been assigned to M/s. Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Ltd., Hindustan Latex Ltd. and CPWD.

The Central technical teams consisting of faculty experts from AIIMS,